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SUBJECT:VISIT OF CENTO SECRETARY GENERAL

1. CENTO SECRETARY GENERAL UMIT HALUK BAYULKEN MADE INITIAL
CALLS AS SECRETARY GENERAL IN WASHINGTON APRIL 1-5. HE MET

WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER, SECRETARY SCHLESINGER, AID
ADMINISTRATOR PARKER, AND OTHER OFFICIALS. BAYULKEN
STRESSED TWO PRINCIPAL THEMES: US SHOULD DO MORE TO REAS-
SURE PAKISTAN IT WILL NOT FACE ALONE ANY FUTURE REGIONAL
THREATS AND, WITH OTHER CENTO MEMBERS ESPECIALLY IRAN, US
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SHOULD INCREASE ITS FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO REACTIVATE

CENTO'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.

2. BAYULKEN DID NOT MAKE SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS REGARDING US ACTION TO REASSURE PAKISTAN, ALTHOUGH HE REFERRED SEVERAL TIMES TO LONG-STANDING PAK DESIRE FOR REVISION OF POLITICAL GUIDELINES TO CENTO MILITARY STAFF WHICH WOULD PERMIT CONTINGENCY PLANNING AGAINST ATTACKS BY AFGHANISTAN AND INDIA. IN RESPONSE, UNDER SECRETARY SISCO AND OTHERS NOTED THAT CENTO HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED TO DETER THREATS FROM COMMUNIST STATES OR COMMUNIST-DOMINATED COUNTRIES AND THAT OUR OBLIGATIONS TO REGIONAL MEMBERS WITHIN CENTO FRAMEWORK DO NOT RELATE TO THREATS FROM NON-COMMUNIST NEIGHBORS.

3. IN ECONOMIC AREA, BAYULKEN SUGGESTED THAT US AND IRAN INCREASE FINANCIAL SUPPORT THROUGH CENTO FOR IMPROVEMENT OF PAK MICROWAVE SYSTEM. HE BELIEVES IRAN IS PREPARED TO SHOULD MAJOR PORTION OF FUNDING, BUT IT DOES NOT WISH TO BE ONLY MEMBER MAKING ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS. WE NOTED A TEAM WHICH INCLUDES US EXPERT IS SURVEYING SYSTEM AND WILL MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENTS. THE SECRETARY INFORMED BAYULKEN WE WILL EXAMINE POSSIBILITIES FOR ADDITIONAL ECONOMIC SUPPORT WHICH SECRETARY MIGHT ANNOUNCE AS HEAD OF US DELEGATION TO MINISTERIAL MEETING IN ANKARA NEXT MONTH.

4. DRAWING ON HIS EXPERIENCE AS FORMER TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER, BAYULKEN ALSO COMMENTED ON US-TURKISH RELATIONS AND CYPRUS SITUATION. HE NOTED THE DEPTH OF TURKEY'S PSYCHOLOGICAL HURT AT US ARMS SUSPENSION AND SAID CONGRESS, WHICH THINKS TURKEY HAS VIOLATED US LAW BY USING US-PROVIDED ARMS ON CYPRUS, SHOULD BE REMINDED THAT TURKEY IS A STICKLER FOR OBSERVANCE OF TREATIES AND THAT IT BELIEVES THAT TURKISH INTERVENTION IN CYPRUS WAS VALID UNDER 1960 TREATY OF GUARANTEE. BAYULKEN SAID THAT WHILE TURKISH LEADERS HAVE REACTED MODERATELY TO DATE, THEY ARE UNDER PUBLIC PRESSURE TO RESPOND MORE FORCEFULLY TO ARMS SUSPENSION. DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS POINTED OUT THAT ADMINISTRATION, WHICH HAS NEVER LINKED ARMS ISSUE AND CYPRUS NEGOTIATIONS, IS TRYING TO GET CONGRESS TO RESCIND AID BAN, BUT NOTED THAT MANY IN CONGRESS WILL DOUBTLESS BE

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INFLUENCED BY WHAT TURKEY DOES ON CYPRUS.

5. FULL REPORT OF VISIT FOLLOWS BY AIRGRAM. KISSINGER

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